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SUBJ: LABOR UNREST AT MILITARY REPAIR FACILITY

1. SOME 4,000 CIVILIAN WORKERS AT MILITARY SUPPLY AND REPAIR DEPOT (OGMA) AT ALVERCA, NEAR LISBON, STOPPED WORK OCTOBER 10 IN PROTEST DEMONSTRATION. DISPUTE ORIGINATED OCT 2 WHEN CORKERS COMMISSION CALLED FOR PURGE OF ALVERCA COMMANDER, BRIGADIER ESPEDINA, AND HIS STAFF. COMMANDER RETALIATED BY BANNING WORKERS COMMISSION FROM REPAIR DEPOT. A NEW WORKERS COMMISSION CALLED FOR DEMONSTRATION OCT 10 SUPPORTING REINSTATEMENT OF BANNED WORKERS WITH BACK PAY.

2. ALVERCA INSTALLATION HAS CONTRACTS FOR REPAIR WORK ON AIRCRAFT OF US NAVY AND AIR FORCE OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. CONTRACTS ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF ALVERCA'S WORKLOAD. WORK STOPPAGE AFFECTS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OPERATIONS OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

3. PROLONGED WORK STOPPAGES ARE UNUSUAL IN PORTUGAL. USUAL OUTCOME SINCE ADVENT OF REVOLUTION HAS BEEN FOR WORKERS TO GET

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THEIR WAY, OR AT LEAST BULK OF THEIR DEMANDS. HOWEVER, NEW

SIXTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO ADOPT A HARDER LINE
BOTH BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REALITIES AND BECAUSE SOME COMMUNIST-
CONTROLLED UNIONS ARE SEEKING TO PROVOKE LABOR UNREST.
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